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The REFLECTOR wishes one and all a

HAPPY NEW YEAR. The estimated cost of the State cap-

itol when completed is \$2,200,000. Henry Watterson calls Kansas gifted Senator, "Citizen Robespierre

The State Teachers' Association meets during the next three days in Representative Hall, Topeka. A large attendance is assured.

Ingalls."

Ex-Governor Osborne is not being rallied around very heartily. The newspaper boys generally think he has had enough and ought to know it.

But eight weeks will remain for Congress to remain in session when it meets after the holiday recess. The chances are that it will accomplish little.

John Wanamaker, the merchant prince of Philadelphia, spends \$40,000 for advertising in the newspapers and not a dollar for advertising any other

This is the season of the year when the maker of patent calandars sends the editor one valued at ten cents and accompanies it with a five dollar notice for publication as a partial return for the favor.

The Senate committee on education has reported favorably the proposition to submit to the voters of the various States a Constitutional amendment to prohibit the sale of liquors in the United States.

Since the last National encampment 14 Grand Army posts have been established in Kansas; four have voluntarily surrendered their charters; the charters of 16 have been revoked, and thirteen have been suspended.

America, the magnificent Chicago literary journal issues a double Christmas number to which only Chicagoans contribute. It is convincing evidence that literary culture is at high tide in the city of the Lakes.

Hungry Indians abound on the frontier about this season. If they could only be made to work for what they get they might come to either civilization or extermination-one of the two alternatives, they should be compelled

The holiday number of the New York Journalist is one of the most elaborate ever put upon the market. It is not only a sumptuous volume in itself but is accompanied by an engraving in colors of fifty of the prominent editors of the country.

Several Kansas papers are making the mistake of whooping up metropolitan papers outside of the State instead of their own. When such puffing goes beyond legitimate exchange advertising the publisher of the local paper is robbing himself and narrowing his

This most unkindest cut of all is from the Wichita Journal: "The Hutchinson street car service has been increased, which means that kinks have been taken out of that mouse-colored mule's tail, and an electric belt attached to his belly-band to keep up the circulation of his blood."

The excessive size of the average newspaper correspondent's imagination has been well illustrated during the past few days by the carefully elaborated plot for the assassination of Mr. Harrison which has been telegraphed far and wide. It turns out to be a "fake" of the largest variety.

But a few days more and the newspaper readers of the land will be treated to long editorials on "The Lessons of the Year" and similar topics. The editor who refrains from summing up the doings of the universe in a column and a half article next week should have a leather medal.

There will be an effort made at the coming session of the Legislature to change the law requiring estray notices to be published in the Kansas Farmer (which not one farmer in twenty ever sees) to the official papers of the various counties. This is a wise movement and we hope it will be successful.

some pretty good clay. Why not try something of the kind here? been the bee fine but imprisonment."

Kansas City Star: Thus far the operations of the Whitecaps in Kansas have been limited to the ducking of a man who was never known to take a bath and the whipping of another who was hog?" It is not our funeral, but we guilty of beating his wife. There is nothing in either of these acts to call for the extermination of the W. C. S.

K. C. Times: The cheering intelligence comes from Washington that at a public lecture Mrs. Cleveland "not only left off her bustle, but brushed back her bangs." So far so good. But has she left off her theater hat? Ay, there's the rub! What does the man at the play care for the bustle, which is worn where it will do the least

People with a little ready money who come to Kansas now and take hold of property at these hard time prices will be certain to make a good thing in their investment. Next year when we have another good crop, lands are sure to spring up to good prices. There was never a better time than now to invest in Kansas lands. Wichita Republic.

The story is going the rounds that when Chaplain McCabe was in Kansas on a tour endeavoring to raise \$1,000,-000 for missions, a little boy heard his appeal, and thinking of the large sum he had to raise, determined to help of a dozen years ago. The change in him. The first chance he had early in the week he gathered a basket of chestnuts, which he sold for 5 cents. He sent this to Mr. McCabe with the note, "If you want any more let me know."

One of the notable things about Kansas is this, and we think it deserves to be frequently printed in largest type: Notwithstanding the rapidly increasing population of the State, the number of prisoners in the penitentiary is decreasing. A study of the report of Warden Smith affords some very gratifying conclusions to those who love Kansas. Now, the question is, has the law which abolished the saloon had anything to do in bringing about

A few papers in the State have begun publishing "black lists" of the subscribers who owe for their papers and then "refuse" them. It is pretty known everywhere.

The Oklahoma bill provides for the organization of what is known as "No-Man's-Land" and the Cherokee strip into a territory. It includes 24,325,408 acres, most of this land being covered by Indian titles. The opponents of the bill say that it is a bill proposing to organize a territory and to acquire title afterward, taking the land from the Indians and paying \$1.25 per acre for it. Settlers are to pay this to the government when the land is thrown open.

Kansas is rapidly coming to the fore stand higher among their colleagues son are prominently talked of in politi-Republican party in this State is more | Company. harmonious and better organized than ever before, and Kansas, leading all other States in Republicanism, stands higher than ever in the esteem of the

Ingersoll objects to the general idea of God and His government because he says it means a universe presided over by an autocrat, to which an exchange makes this reference: "What would the Colonel bave? Apparently he is dissatisfied because the Universe is not a Republic. Does he think it better to have an elective Deity? Does he want the Ruler of the Universe chosen by a majority vote? To the anti-Ingersollian mind there seems to be some difficulties in the way of getting the Universe ruled on a Demo-

The Fifth and Sixth congressional districts are now in good shape to go to Topeka and make a strong fight for speaker of the House. The caucus composed of members elect to the Legislature, held at Beloit last week, selected Hon, Z. T. Walrond, of Osborne, for their candidate. Judging from the harmonious feeling that prevailed the Fifth and Sixth districts will pull together hereafter in a way that their influence will be felt. That's right, if we stick together, Northern Kansas will be heard from in future conventions, etc.—[Clay Center Times.

The New York Herald objects to the annoyance and expense of defending itself against every crank that happens to think he has a grievance, and therefore it has been agitating a general modification of the law of libel to protect legitimate journalism. It insists that actions for libel should be confined A company has been organized in to the criminal side of the courts: that Atchison for the manufacture of vitri- the action should be only "against that fied brick, terrs cotts and sewer pipe in this city. The excellent quality of clay found in the vicinity of techison makes good paving brick.—[Kano.] leuitorial writer or whoever may have Abilene and Dickinson county have been the effective utterer of the offense,

the Arkansas valley be generous enough to give the Northwest the modest share in the State honors that

she asks, or will it continue to act the hazard the remark that the bristles of the porcine statesmen of the Southwest will continue to be displayed .- [Topeka Democrat.

We are not particularly well versed in hog-culture but it occurs to us that this is about the time when the slaughtering of surplus porcines takes on its most wholesale aspect.

The Abilene Reflector says: "Will

The following is the population of the Territories asking admission to the Union, from official figures taken by themselves during the years 1887 and

As an indication of what effect the census of 1890 will have upon the relative representation in Congress and in the electoral college of the South and the West, the comparative vote of South Carolina in 1876 and 1888 is interesting. In 1876 that State cast 183,-000 votes for presidential electors. while this year the votes numbered only 80,000, less than half the number the Western States has been even greater on the other side of the sheet.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The negro must always remain black, it is true, subject to processes of modification which are happily not so active now as they were in the days of slavery. But he is not responsible for the color of his skin nor for the place which he occupies in the politics of the South It is useless to blame him for not being white or for not living in Africa. The wise and safe and profitable thing for the South to do is to give him the same opportunities for bettering his condition that it gives to the white citizen. He can thus be made more useful in this result?-[Minneapolis Messenger. every way; and he can not possibly gain supremacy without excelling the white man in education and enterprise

#### The Nicaragua Canal.

A great deal of attention is being generally admitted that to cheat a publisher just now to the proposed Panama lisher out of his pay for a paper that | canal scheme. The status of the matyou have read for months, or perhaps ter is thus summed up by the Globe years, is the meanest act a man can Democrat: The Nicaragua Canal perform and every scoundrel who does matter is before Congress. Neither it should be branded so that he will be money nor lands are asked from the country by the company. In fact, the act under which incorporation is sought expressly provides that the Government shall never be liable to the extent of a single cent for the debts of the company. All that is asked from Congress power to act as a corporate body. The Senate has already passed an act giving this power, and the matter is now before the House. It is not a political scheme. Neither partisanship not sectionalism is represented in it. A large majority of the people of the country are undoubtedly favorable to the enin National politics. No senators terprise. The vote in favor of it in the Senate was thirty-six to fifteen against. and the esteem of the people than John | In the House, too, a majority desire to J. Ingalls and P. B. Plumb. Senator see the matter go through, although P. B. Plumb and Corgressman Ander- the small minority opposing it have been successful, by fillibustering, in cal circles for places in the new cabi- putting off its consideration from time net. Kansas has great reason to be to time. An interoceanic ship canal proud of the ability, individuality and will have to be built on this Continent prominence of its entire congressional some day in the near future, but no for their lives. Some of them were able to delegation. The voices of the men other enterprise so favorable to the who represent Kansas in the Nation's interests of the United States as this is legistative halls are attentively listened | can ever be projected. The House of to on all occasions and in the most Representatives should, without delay, important Republican councils. The grant a charter to the Nicaragua Canal

### THE NEW PROJECTILES.

Not a Wonderful Success With the Steel-

Pointed Projectiles. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Respecting the experiments with steel pointed projectiles with the new steel guns of the cruiser Chicago, at Annapolis, last Friday, when a 250 pound projectile was driven through a steel target ten inches thick, and also through a solid oak back, a naval officer remarked last night this test met with qualifying success, but the official records show that thirteen years ago a projectile weighing 203 pounds was fired from a gun converted from an old 200 pounder Parrott gun, with forty pounds of powder, and penetrated sixteen inches of iron, and the projectile was found three feet in the rear of the target. The point of this comparison of what was done at Nut Island, Boston harbor, in 1875, with the performance at Annapolis this week, is that it shows only half the quantity of powder was used in the former experiment and the Parrott gun was only half the weight of the Annapolis gun. The former weighed about seven tons and the latter, made of steel, weighs about fourteen tons.

Mrs. Diggle Acquitted. CLARION, Iowa, Dec. 24.-At eight clock yesterday morning the jury in the Diggle case returned into court with a verdict of not guilty. The jury on first ballot stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction. After the jury went out last night the defendant was completely prostrated, and remained hysterical all night. When the jury came in she sat with her head in her hands. When the verdict was announced she threw up her hands, cried "Oh!" and fell back into her brother's arms, and had to be assisted from the court room. Her brother, who has been a constant attendant during the trial, wept like a child.

Caught in a Frog. the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, was crossing the track in front of a moving train last night when the heel of his boot caught in a frog. He tried to release it, but before he could do so the train was close to him. Apparently choosing death to the loss of a leg he threw himself on the track in front of the engine and was killed.

W. B. Deddridge. St. Louis, Dec. 24.-The Globe-Democra announces that W. B. Doddridge, superin-tendent of the Missouri Pacific lines in Cansas and Nebraska, has been appointed general manager of the St Louis, Arkansas & Texas railroad. The officials of the latter road decline to verify the report, and Mr. Doddridge him elf, whose headTHE SECOND HORROR.

Another Steamboat Disaster on the Lower Mississippi-Burning of the

John H. Hanna at Plaquemine, La. With a Loss of at Least Thirty Lives.

Rapidity of the Flames-Confusion and Terror-The Brave Captain's Pitiable

PLAQUEMINE, La., Dec. 26.-The steamer John H. Hanna, loaded with cotton from Ouachita, burned here early yesterday morning. The boat and cargo were a total loss. The number of people who perished is not positively known, but the loss of life will be at least thirty and may be much beyond that number, Captain J. S. Holmes was in command and was burned to death First Clerk Sam Powell was drowned. The old pilot, Bob Smith, a passenger on the ill-fated vessel, was burned to death. Several persons perished in the flames and a number jumped overboard and were drowned. Captain Holmes' body was terribly burned. Bob Smith was the pilot of the J. M. White at the time she was burned One of the deck hands who escaped says there were about 100 persons on board and that only about a dozen can now be found alive, but this was not confirmed by the

officers who made their escape. It was just before Christmas day was being ushered in that the steamer was coming down the river. Several of the passengers were seated in the cabin having a merry time and with no thought of the impending catastrophe and many of the crew and passengers were asleep when the fire broke out and spread with indescribable rapidity, and the details of the sufferings and death of some of the passengers are harrowing in the extreme.

The boat had reached a point which was but a short distance above the town when a negro roustabout near the boiler room ran out to the deck and shouted that the boat was on fire. John Cullen, a stoker was near the place at the time and seeing the flames bursting forth from the big tiers of cotton near the boiler ran hastily to the engine room and gave the alarm. Engineer Merriman took in the situation at a glance and at once sounded the alarm on the steam whistle and ringing the bells.

In an instant-certainly in a much shorter time than it takes to explain it-the flames shot through the cabin and over the sides of the cotton, enveloping the entire boat in fire.

Clerk Powell was upstairs at the time and when he saw the flames he heroically ran through the smoke which was filling the cabin to wake the sleeping people. He kicked at the doors and in a short time almost every body was awake. Then terrible confusion ensued and frantic people on the boat ran to different exits to make their escape, but the boat was piled high with cotton and the passage ways were filled with smoke. Many dropp before they were able to get to the forward parts of the boat and were dead when the

steamer went down. As soon as the fire was discovered, engineer Merriman set the steam pumps working and tried to battle with the flames. but the fire swept through the boat like a blaze on a prairie and the engine room was soon in flames. Then, to add further to the consternation, a steam pipe burst and filled the place with scalding steam. is simply a charter, giving the company | Engineer Merriman was forced to abandon his post, and he and the stokers and others ran to the sides of the boat and rushed through pell mell in order to save

As soon as the smoke and flames began to start up the sides of the boat Captain Jolles, the pilot, swung the wheel around and headed the boat for the shore. A full head of steam was on at the time, and the boat was soon run into the bank. Before she did so, however, she was doomed, as all of her timber was then furiously burn-

When the Hanna struck the bank she bounded away again and swung around, drifting as she burned. Then Captain Jolles jumped out over the cotton bales, and, springing into the river, swam ashore. The sight was a weird one, viewed from the bank, and the town was aroused. Floating cotton, charred timber and other debris filled the river and many people were struggling desperately in the water swim ashore, but most of them were so badly burned or so thoroughly exhausted that they struggled but a few moments and sank to rise no more.

As the burning boat struck the bank of the river the crew and passengers who had been able to reach the forward end sprang ashore, some of them with scorched faces and bruised limbs and many of them with scarcely any covering.

Among those who managed to get off were Captain Holmes and Bob Smith, the infortunate pilot of the il-fated White. who was a passenger. Both men were burned nigh unto death, and the story of the manner in which they suffered is heartrending. When the Captain jumped ashore he was burned horribly, and in his he was suffering he buried his face and hands in the soft mud and begged most piteously for some one to help him. Smith was just behind and was laid out by the side of the dying captain. Nothing could be done for the suffering men and the two died together on the river bank.

Among those that were lost are: Captain J. S. Holmes, master of the boat; Samuel Powell, chief clerk; Bob Smith, pilot, from Smithland, La.; Mike O'Neill, night watchman; Joe Crane, cabin watchman; Monroe Deek, first cook: Jack Duff, second cook: Joe Harvey, cabin boy; Jim Watson, second baker; John Crafton, carpenter; John Barlow, colored; Jim Blank, colored, roustabout; Dick Blank, colored, mess room tender: Steploe John: Monroe Diggs, cook: A child of Percella Wright (colored). There were forty-four roustabouts on

the Hanna, of whom thirty-three are known to bave been saved, leaving eleven unaccounted for.

Six Persons Drowned. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.-Late vester day afternoon while a party of seven was out sailing on the bay, about six miles from the city, the boat was capsized and six of the occupants were downed. Foi-

lowing are the names: Andrew Siegel

Kate Siegel, George Stump and wife, Matt

Cox and Marie Morales. Arrests at Bevier. St. Louis, Dec. 26 .- Trouble broke out afresh at Bevier. Mo., the scene of the recent mine troubles yesterday. The ne-JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 24.—John T. groes were aggressive, and not only did Trainer, aged twenty-three, an employ of they grow boisterous, but attempted in-

guard house, Postmasters Appointed.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Kansas postmasters appointed yesterday: Nancy K. Gordon, Hamilton, Greenwood County; John E. York, Monitor, McPherson County.

Missouri; W. A. Smith, East Linn, Cass County; J. S. Johnson, Ozark, Christian County; J. Schmidt, Thorp, Dallas County. M. Deroulde and other members of the Chamber of Deputies attempted to address a Boulangist meeting at Paris the other night, but were denied a hearing. Several violent scrimmages took place.

Arrangements have been made for an electric light plant at Warrensburg, Mo.

BURNING OF THE ERICSON. A Demijohn of Whisky Possibly the Caus

SEATTLE, W. T., Dec. 26 .- The steamer Leif Ericson was burned to the water's edge at five o'clock Monday evening off Allaki point. Five lives were lost, perhaps seven.

The Ericson was a propeller, 2,400 tons

burthen, and was en route to Malden when the accident occurred. The fire broke out in the hold. One theory is that the demijohn in the pilot house was broken and that the whisky ran through and was ignited. There were fifty people on board. The fire spread instantly throughout the entire cabin. The boat was about two miles from the shore. Captain John H. Nibbe, the owner of the boat, was in command and left the wheel house for the purpose of launching a life raft, but found the passengers trying to put the raft overboard. In the struggle to rescue the raft from the passengers he fell overboard with it. In the meantime the passengers were putting on life preservers and seizing firewood or any thing else that would float and jumping overboard.

Captain Nibbe saw his niece, Miss Annie Tollmer, struggling in the water, about 150 feet from him, and he did his utmost to push the raft toward her, but she drowned | the village. less than 100 feet away from him. He was hampered with gum boots and almost helpless. I

The steamer Skagit Chief, en route to Tacoma, saw thefire and crowded on steam to give assistance, and she succeeded in rescuing seven people.

The steamer Mountaineer, four miles away, also saw the burning vessel and headed straight for her. When within half a mile of the Ericson the crew found people struggling in the water, lowered small boats and succeeded in rescuing nineteen. One man was taken from the water and died in a few minutes after. His name is not known. He said, just before he died, that his wife was lost from the steamer. The list of those lost is as follows: Miss Annie Tollmer, Sidney; J. H. Norus, of the Norus Brickyard Company, Sidney; Jack Simmons, a half-breed fisherman; T. Smith, of Smith, Taylor & Co., Colby. A man and his wife whose names could not be ascertained. The survivors also re-

ported another woman as being lost. The steamer was burned to the water's edge and no doubt sank. Neither the Skagit Chief nor the Mountaineer went to the burning steamer as all hands had deserted her and she was enveloped in flames. Both made efforts to saving life from the water. The Ericson was valued at \$40,000 and was not insured.

#### WOE TO THE WIRES.

Freezing Sleet Breaks Down Telegraph Poles and Wires in All Directions. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26 .- About one o'clock this morning there was a crash along Grand avenue from Fifth to Eighth streets which awoke people for blocks. A half dozen telegraph poles had snapped in two beneath the weight of accumulating tons of sleet. An instant later and the streets were transformed into a network of ice clad wires. It looked like some gigantic spider had been weaving threads of ice in every conceivable direction up and down across the avenue for blocks.

The entire front of Tom Corrigan's sa loon at Independence and Grand avenues was crushed in by the fall of a heavy pole. Several men were drinking at the bar, but the loud cracking of the tall pine shaft had forewarned them and they retreated to the rear of the saloon. The glasses they had left upon the bar, the lamps and the mirror were crushed into fragments. The police were at once notified by telephone and they in turn called out the fire department About the same time alarms were turned in from various parts of the town, where similar damage had been done by the sleet. The greatest damage, however, was sustained by the telephone and telegraph companies. Their losses will run up into the thousands.

Along Main street, especially at the Junction and upon Sixth and Delaware streets, the wires were transformed into hawsers of ice, which bent poles like whips. Broken wires swung down into every street. Along Walnut street, from Sixth to Ninth, all the poles were bent with the tons of weight upon the wires. It was almost as bad on Eighteenth street, where one or two poles were broken. The sleet caused destruction in this way everwhere All day long there was a steady rain falling and with the change in temperature toward nightfall it turned to sleet. The heaviest sleet began falling about ten o'clock last night, which was followed by a considerable fall of snow.

Wreck at Bar Harbor. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 26 .- The passenger and freight steamer Silver Star. from Bar Harbor, was sunk yesterday morning about 1:30 o'clock, about thirty miles east of Whale's Back light. The steamer had been to Boston for a new engine and put into the herbor late Monday night. She left at one o'clock next morning and was proceeding along the regular course, when she struck a sunken wreck, staving a hole amidship and filling with water. The steamer went down in three minutes time in about twelve fathoms of water. Captain W. H. Parker and crew of eight men took to their boats, saving only the clothes they had on. The steamer was owned in frantic desire to be relieved from the pain | Bar Harbor by Stephen L. Kingsley, Captain Parker and others. It was valued at \$11,000. No insurance.

SEDALIA. Mo., Dec. 25 .- Five months ago W. R. Aldridge, a well known young attorney, on one occasion a candidate for city attorney and a member of an old Rhode Island family, fled the county to avoid arrest for embezzling money collected by him for Eastern houses. Yesterday the news was received that he was in jail at Cherokee, Kan. After leaving here he located at Charokes and began the practice of law, but soon collected \$800 for the McCormick Harvesting Company, of Chicago, and disappeared. The Kansas officials captured bim at Lamar. He is an inveterate gambler and squandered all the money he could raise on cards.

Jumped the Track. DENVER. Col., Dec. 26.-Meager reports have been received here of an accident on the Midland road at Lime creek, twenty miles west of Leadville, in which brakeman T. Harland and fireman Robert Martin were instantly killed. The only particulars received is that a freight jumped the track while turning a sharp curve near Lime creek and wrecked the entire train.

Three Skaters Drowned. LAKE VILLAGE, N. H., Dec. 26.-George Renou, aged forty, his son Burt, aged fifteen, and Ammon Veasey, aged thirteen, were drowned yesterday while skating on

An Old Man Killed. timidation by the free use of firearms. The man named Snow was struck and his brains were strewed along the military acted promptly, and last night five of the ringleaders were put in the guard house.

The man named Snow was struck and his brains were strewed along the track. His younger brother was with him guard house.

> Ah Bach a Benedict. sess.

His Professional Cognomen.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—Tim Queally, a pugilist, better known as Paddy Dunn, the latter being his professional cognomen, is a prisoner in the central sta-York and secured booty amounting to tion with a government and officers to suit

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BLAZING BUILDINGS.

Destructive Conflagration at Marblehead, Mass. - \$500,000 Damage.

Three Acres of Buildings Destroyed at Cincinnati-Loss, \$500,000-Three Firemen Injured.

Burning of the Olympic Theater at Ashland, Wis.-Loss, \$150,000-English

Boston, Dec. 26.-A conflagration is raging in Marblehead, the larger part of the town being on fire. Help has been sent from Salem, Lynn and other places, but the firemen seem to be unable to check the flames. Salem reports all the telephone wires to Marblehead down, and nothing to be obtained from there. The Western Unon office at Marblehead was burned out, but the operator succeeded in opening communication by establishing a temporary office in a field some distance outside

The entire business portion of the town is in ruins and the following firms were burned out: Cropley & Bros., E. S. Woodbury, Johnson Horner, J. C. Peach, W. M. Stevens, Jr., & Son, Edward Hathaway and Joshua Le Favour; also the Boston and Maine depot and several other buildings. It is the largest fire that ever visited the place and the people are panic stricken. The news was sent with great difficulty over a hastily improvised wire and communication is liable to be interrupted at

any moment. The fire started about ten p. m. in the basement of D. P. Powers' furniture store. on Pleasant street, and is said to have been caused by the explosion of a can of benzine. At midnight it was estimated that seven acres had been burned over and that the entire loss would be over \$500,000. The burned buildings are the Powers block, the Rechabite block, Goldthwait's three-story building, Monroe's large shoe factory, a three-story block occupied by dry goods stores and the Boston branch grocery on the first, the Masonic Hall on the second and a skating rink on the third, the four-story Allerton block, the American express building, Simon's store, the dwelling of Duniel Broden, George Church and Thomas Falls, Metcalfe's box factory and other buildings.

Nearly the same territory was burned over about twelve years ago, the fire starting in nearly the same place. Many of last night's victims were also sufferers by the former fire. The shoe business, which had been quiet for several months, was just starting up and many operatives will now be thrown out of work the entire

The fire is still burning. It is impossible to get definite losses owing to the great excitement prevailing among all classes. THE CINCINNATI BLAZE.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26 .- There was a great fire in Cincinnati yesterday. It began at 8:30 in the morning and burned to ashes ctories and dwellings covering thre acres of ground.

At the corner of Budde and Harriet streets, in the rope walk of the Charles C. Jacobs Cordage Company, the fire started and spread rapidly in the building in which were tar and other material for the flames. It soon extended to a large stable of the works and the platform of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, whose tracks were beside the rope walk for over 300 feet. Soon eight box and four flat cars on the railroad were burning and the fire had extended over a great area.

Though the weather was calm the intense heat of the wooden buildings sent the flames bounding into the lumber yard of the Betts Street Furniture Company where \$75,000 worth of furniture was soon turned into ashes. By this time the heat was almost unbearable.

Soon the factory of the Central Furniture Association, worth with its contents \$75,000, was ablaze and doomed to destruction and the Queen Twine Company's factory, worth with its contents \$80,000, was a minute later in the merciless embrace of

From these buildings the fire spread to adjacent dwellings. Two brick dwellings on Budd street, the property of Charles H. Jacobs, worth \$15,000, were destroyed, and a three-story brick on Budd street, belonging to Harry Mayberry, worth \$6,000, was burned to the ground. Two frame dwellings on Budd street were also burned. The loss on the rope walk-a long wooden building-was about \$8,000; that of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, including its eighteen cars, all of which were burned with their contents, is about

In addition to the houses destroyed there were a score or more of dwellings in the neighborhood more or less scorched. A large part of the fire department is kept busy extinguishing and re-extinguishing incipient fires on dwellings. In fact the department had its hands full to keep the fire from becoming a sweeping conflagration, and in this the calmness of the day was a great help.

The total loss is estimated at rather over than under \$500,000. The property was all fairly well insured.

A WISCONSIN THEATER BURNED ASHLAND, Wis. Dec. 26 .- The Olympic Theater and two saloons adjoining burned yesterday morning, causing a loss of \$150,-000 with \$25,000 insurance. The actors in the theater lo t their wardrobes. The weather was very cold and it was difficult to obtain water from the frozen bydrants.

BURNED IN A TENEMENT HOUSE. NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- During a fire in the tenements 79 and 81 Bowery at two o'clock vesterday morning Charles Stack ler, aged twenty-six, was probably fatally burned and a number of other tenants were with difficulty saved by the police

ENGLISH MILL BURNED. LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The Abbey flour mills at Waltham have been burned. The loss is £99,000.

A Brakeman's Death. KANSAS CITY, M., Dec. 25 .- W. E. Peck. a brakeman on the local freight train No. 26, of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf railroad was killed yesterday afternoon at South Park by falling beneath the train, three cars and the engine passing over his hody before he was discovered. Both legs were cut off and nearly every bone in his body was broken and crushed and his head horribly mangled.

A Youth's Terrible Death. HORTON, Kan., Dec. 26.-Charles Schatter, a seventeen-year-old boy, was -un over by a car pushed by the witch engine last night at 7:30 o'clock and instantly killed. He was picking up coal along the track when the car caught him. His 1000 nd the upper part ...

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- The Evening News says the first real and decided opposition San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Gertie Richie, to the leadership of Powderly in the a variety actress, was married by contract Knights of Labor to bear fruit that is last night to Ah Bach, a leading actor in ominous was the unanimous withdrawal female parts at the Chinese theater. The from the order last Friday night of the Logirl formerly lived in Philadelphia, and it cal Cooper's Assembly 2,309. A red letter is believed she married the Chinaman on meeting was called to take place in their account of the wealth he is said to pos- hall for the purpose of considering this very question, and when it came to a vote not a dissenting voice was raised to the proposition that the assembly should withdraw. It is probable now that within two weeks all of the fifty-one local coopers' assemblies in the United States will also tion. It is alleged, on the night of Novem- | withdraw from the Knights of Labor and ber 5, he broke into a jewelry store in New form themselves into a National organiza-

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A SWINDLING GANG.

A Lawyer's Statements at Chicago Point to a Great Swindle.

Arrests Made-Bauereisen, the Alleged "Q" Dynamiter Convicted-Killing in Kentucky.

A Murderer Respited Because of a Woman's Lying Affidavit-A Fatal Saloon Brawl-Etc.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The case of Master in Chancery Charles D. Cutting, who is implicated in the negotiations with the firm of Kellogg, Johnston & Bliss for the return of bonds stolen from them last spring, continues to be the sensation of the hour and Inspector of Police Bonfield says that he believes he is about to unearth one of the greatest criminal gangs that ever infested

The names of the persons now under arrest in connection with the case besides Attorney Cutting, are Henry Plessner, the president of the so-called Commercial Mutual Accident Association; William F. Shaw, secretary for the same, and C. D. Taylor, a director in the Columbia Loan and Building Association, of which concern Plessner and Shaw are also directors. Both associations do business in the same office, their field of operations being principally in the smaller towns of Northern Indiana. Shaw is a son-in-law of Plessner and is said by Attorney Cutting to be the person who jentered into negotiations through the latter for the return of the

stolen property. C. D. Taylor occupies a desk in the joint office and is declared by Shaw to be the person from whom he purchased the bonds after advising with his partner, Plessner, but Taylor denies the truth of the statement, and promises to divulge some very sensational facts when the case is brought up for hearing.

ARRESTS MADE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- As a result of the disclosures made by Lawyer Cutting on Saturday before the grand jury in the stolen bond case, W. F. Shaw, Henry Plessner, C. D. Taylor and Otis Corbett are now under arrest. Corbett is the father-in-law of Shaw and until a short time ago was a dry goods merchant at Rock Island. Inspector Bonfield yesterday secured \$2,100 worth of bonds stolen from Kellogg, Johnson & Bliss and expects to get \$5000 more belonging to another firm to-day.

Shaw told Inspector Bonfield last night that he received the Kellogg and other bonds early in September from Taylor, who left them as collateral for a loan. He had, after subsequent negotiations for their sale, retained Cutting to deliver the bonds. Plessner denied any guilty knowledge of the bonds. He had seen them in Shaw's possession and the latter had admitted to him that they were stolen.

Taylor denied that he had any thing to do with the bond business, and added that if Plessner and Shaw made such charges charges that would "close them up."

SHOT AT A DANCE. EARLINGTON, Ky., Dec. 24.-At a dance near Ellsby, a mining town near this place, Albert Wright was shot and fatally wounded by Bill Wiley. Wiley used indecent language in the presence of some ladies and was asked to desist by Wright. The two men left the room to settle the dispute and when in the dark Wiley shot Wright without warning. A dozen men gave chase to the assassin and overtaking him he received them with a volley from his pistol. About fifty shots were exchanged. Owing to the darkness none of the pursuing party were hit. There is great excitement to-day and if Wiley is caught Judge Lynch will most likely take a conspicuous part in the proceedings.

FALSE AFFIDAVIT. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.-Jesse Cole was to have been hanged Saturday at Newport, Tenn., for the murder of Samuel Large, but was respited almost at the last moment on the affidavit of Mrs. Waxtead on the strength of which Governor Taylor reprieved him for sixty days yesterday at Knoxville. She made another statement in which she says she does not know Cole and never saw him. It is believed that she was paid to make the affidavit which saved his life. Rioting was imminent in case he had been hanged. A SALOON BRAWL.

BAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 24.-Ezra Teezel of Vassar, was shot and instantly killed by Peter Saunders (colored) at West Bay City this morning. Teezel and his brother became involved in a saloon brawl with Saunders and two colored men, in which knives and pistols were used with the result stated. Saunders was badly cut and bruised. He escaped but was subsequently arrested and locked up. Charles Easter (colored) was arrested as an accomplice. BAUEREISEN CONVICTED.

GENEVA, Ill., Dec. 24 .- The sealed verdict in the case of George Bauereisen was opened this morning. It found the prisoner guilty and fixed his punishment at two years in the penitentiary. Bauereisen was convicted of conspiracy to injure the property of the Chicago, Builington & Quincy Rastroad Company with dynamite, He was a striking engineer.

FIGHT OVER A HORSE. SILVER CITY, N. M., Dec 24.-In an altercation in the road near Fort Bayard, Saturday, between A. L. McAfee and the Hudson brothers over the owenship of a horse, McAfee was left dead by the road. side and one of the Hudson boys was taken to the military hospital, where he died Sunday atternoon. His brother is in

ENDED THE DISPUTE. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Annie Deitzel, twenty-six years old, the wife of a German workman living in the tenement 514 East Seventeenth street, quarreled with her husband over domestic matters last night. She ended the dispute by swallow. ing a handful of Paris green and died at midnight after several hours of suffering.

WOMEN QUARREL. SOMERSET, Ky., Dec. 24.-Mrs. Frank Stephens, wife of a well-to-do farmer, rented a patch of ground to Mrs. Burchfield. The latter fell behind in her rent and a quarrel was the result. Mrs. Ste. phens drew a bowie knife and stabbed Mrs. Burchfield in the breast and cut her two children severely. Mrs. Burchfield will die. Mrs. Stephens was arrested.

BREACH OF PROMISE. LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 24 .- Miss C-" Teresa McEnnery, a memb er of an old and amily, has sued John H. aristocratic \* outterick, former cashier of the Wamesett bank, for \$75,000 damages for breach of promise, and it is understood that General B. F. Butter is to be her counsel.

Two Skaters Drowns HAMMOND, Ind., Dea 24,-John Frame and Nicholas Hammond, nineteen years old, were drowned while skating on the Calumet river yesterday.

A Decamping Doctor,
Hiawatha, Kan., Dec. 22.—About three
months ago a Dr. Wildam located here and won the affections of Mrs. M. Collins, a widow worth some \$3,000, After living with her some time she demanded a marriage and they went to Seneca, where a mock ceremony was gone through with. Life became somewhat odious to the couple in Hiawatha because of their unlawful cohabitation and they gave it out that they were going to Seattle, Wash., but at Cameron, Mo., the doctor stepped out to obtain a cup of coffee and has not since been seen, leaving Mrs. Collins to return to Hiawatha as best she could. The doctor is now supposed to be in Birmingham, Ala., and steps will be at once taken to apprehend him.